

“Welcome to Atlanta...”

by Ben Mecklenborg

It was time to leave home and kiss our mommies good bye. We walked like zombies to our designated bus; I myself was on the notorious Bus 2. The excitement was building up like pressure in a water gun, and I was ready to burst. I took my seat and watched as the remaining pioneers jumped onto the bus with almost as much enthusiasm as mine. The bus started. We crept forward, slowly building up speed! But the Xciting moment was quickly ruined due to the Xtreme

West End traffic that so many of us dread as much as going to the dentist. Nonetheless, we were OFF.

FOUR HOURS LATER...

“Check it out!” yelled someone from the back of the bus.

“Ecce!” yelled another

We had arrived at our destination. We had enjoyed our flight, and now we were ready to Xplore this Xotic new world like astronauts surveying the surface of the moon. We stepped out of the bus, we took our first breath of Xtremely polluted air, and we liked

it. It was beautiful. The graffiti on the walls, the massive traffic jams, it was all good.

My eyes traveled upward, and there standing like the Statue of Liberty was the largest fast food restaurant I have ever seen in my life: the Varsity. We passed through the squeaky doors and stared at the endless sea of people who were blocking our way to the nearly twenty ordering counters. We swam across the sea and made it to the far end of the restaurant. It took nearly twenty minutes in line to finally



“Nothin’ on my mind but...Georgia”

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order. We were surrounded by the many delectable smells ranging from greeZ hamburgers to greeZ hotdogs, to greeZ fries, to greeZ onion rings. The food was delicious, but there were some mixed reviews. Some said, "It wasn't worth the wait," and then others said, "It was WAY too greeZ!!!" I, however, loved it, and everyone who doesn't think that is craZ. Possibly the best part of the entire varsity Xperience was the Xtremely stylish hats that we got which look like a mix between a taco and a sail boat.

We raced to the Coke Museum, where we were introduced to the newest type of coke, Coca Cola Blak, which is essentially a mix between coffee and coke...it was horrible. We were let in, and of course, no one actually looked at the museum; we just wanted to go to the testing station. I, however, stopped and watched a demonstration of soda

jerk where we learned that in the old days, soda jerks had to make their own coke by adding the right amount of corn syrup and other

of soda jerks, and that the French don't put ice in their cokes. When I made my way to the testing station, I quickly ran to the infamous "Beverly," an Italian concoction which was possibly the worst single substance I had ever drunk in my life.

After this near death Xperience, we went to Underground Atlanta, essentially an underground mall... that is in Atlanta. SOOO...I buddied up with a few friends, and OFF we went. We looked at the many "Ghetto Fabulous" stores as D White likes to put it. We noticed that many MBA students were buying the fake bling and were blowing all of their money on the unimportant things like watches, belt buckles, Zippos, necklaces, and ninja stars. I however bought only the necessities, such as a shirt saying "Jesus (in the Visa check card symbol)... he's everywhere you need him to be," some aviator glasses, and other assorted small items like key chains.

Possibly my favorite of all things bought was Neil Ryan's Wal-Mart shirt that he bought for two dollars



Super Kamehameha Ninja Attack



"B'dee B'dee, That's All Folks!"

ingredients instead of getting it from a tap. I also learned that Mitchell Lukens comes from a long pedigree

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from the Atlanta Dollar Store. But the most memorable moment of UA occurred when Mr. McMurray got his fortune told by some craZ lady.

After a hard day of shopping, we rushed off to the lacrosse game against the Jr. Trojans. We basically demolished them. Then we ate some hot dogs...and got out of there. Enough said.

We were off to the ESPN zone. When we arrived, we quickly grabbed our cards and sprinted like mad men up the stairs. We entered...THE GAME ROOM. I quickly took control of the virtual ping pong game, but once I realized that it was impossible...I threw it down and went to possibly the greatest game EVER...Horse racing. I stunk at this one too...SOOO...I went to some of the less physically tiring games such as the Racing games. (Hint: always choose manual...you go faster.) We had a lot of fun, but by the end of the night, we were Xtremely Xzausted.

THE NEXT DAY

After a good night's sleep, we woke up in just enough time for ONE of the four of the people in my room to take a shower! We all were starving the entire day because we ran out of time and couldn't make ourselves waffles. It is an understatement to say this was not the best way to start the day. We would have left right away to go to the MLK center, Xcept for the one room that overslept and made us wait! (You know who you are...SHAME!)

When the doors opened, we entered with great Xcitement but then had to wait yet again for the movie to start. When the movie was finally ready, we went inside the mini theatre and watched the only educational aspect of the trip, which was only about twenty to thirty minutes long. Other than the video, the MLK museum was (not to sound rude), but very disappointing. I Xpected it to be much larger, and possibly the only satisfaction I got was from mimicking the figures on the fake highway.

But have no fear; when there is one hour of education, there are six hours of FUN! Yes, possibly the best part of the trip was PAINTBALL!!!

We stepped onto our battlefield; we suited up. I myself wore a plain white under shirt saying "don't shoot," but some decided to go a bit Xtreme with their outfits. Jack Keyser, Gaige Bolden, and Coach Cooper dressed in all camo. But not even full camo can beat Adrian Kerry's outfit. NO!!! Nothing surpasses Adrian Carey's bright yellow chicken suit!!!

We then got our less than stellar paintball guns/masks, and we were ready. The first game was Bus 1 against Bus 2 in a capture the flag game in the woods. Supposedly it was a tie, but it was clear that Bus 1 was going to dominate us if we had ten more minutes to play. Then we broke into sub-teams and played on smaller fields. It ends up that Bus 1 won the most games, but towards the end Bus 2 began to catch up.

When paintball was over, we all had our wounds to show

everyone, and our clothes were splattered with paint. Patrick Clarke probably had the worst combination of wounds, but George Curtis had a GIANT mark on his neck, and Neil Reinhardt's knuckles were bleeding from being bunkered.

We left the paintball field and went back to the hotel so that we could get ready for the BRAVES game!!!

We left for the game and got there around thirty minutes early. We got our tickets and went to our seats. When we first sat down the sun was UNBEARABLE. But luckily I had my aviators to shield my eyes from the radiating light. A group of students including Rob Smith, Nathan Dewitt, and Oliver Oldacre luckily found seats on the front row. A ball was hit right to Oliver, but sadly it was a little bit short. Later in the game, however, the one of the Braves' players threw Oliver a ball, a very nice gesture. But anyway, sadly the Braves lost to the Mets, and we went back to the hotel with our heads down.

During this drive back, we waved at some of the cars containing various drunk fans who had just come from the game. One in particular stands out: He was sitting in the passenger seat of a Civic or something, and (he shall remain nameless) shined a laser pointer on his head. This guy went CRAZ!!! He started shaking the car and yelling: it was pretty Xciting.

THE NEXT DAY

"We're going to Six Flags!!!" could be heard on all stories of the motel.

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Daniel: the ultimate Braves fan

Georgia Cyclone, 30 minutes to go on the best roller coaster in the park, "Mine Train," and didn't even get to go on Deja Vu or Georgia Scorchers!!!

I was pretty disappointed that I didn't get on these, but I still had lots of fun!!! I even got to party with Bugs, Daffy, and Tweedy!!!

Then we returned like an army of war-weary soldiers who had just had the most exciting battle of their lives. And of course, when my parents asked, "How was it?" I naturally answered, "It was okay!!!"

We went downstairs and (once again) didn't get any waffles because they ran out of waffle batter.

to wait an hour and a half to go on Superman, 45 minutes to go on the

We left for Six Flags and got there in about 30 minutes. We got off the buses and RUSHED to the lines to get in. After a twenty minute wait...we finally got in. The park was beautiful. We sprinted past many magnificently colored rides...all to get to the ONE...the only...GOLIATH. This roller coaster spans 5km of the park, yet it lasts less than a minute and a half. I got in line and waited for a reasonable ten minutes, and then I was on. We went up the first hill, and that's all I remember. It was so fast, so mind boggling, I can't even explain the sensation.

After Goliath, I went on some of the other rides such as Batman and Mind Bender, but I had

George and his battle wound



Bequests

Last Will and Testament

I, **Andrew Fletcher**, leave to **Ben Crook** the right to wear 6-UNIT headbands during soccer games.

I, **Rob Higham**, leave to **Ryan Hill** control of the cross country team.

I, **Seth Akers-Campbell**, leave to **Jarvis Workhaven** a new mechanical finger and to **Chase Lovelace** the remote control to it.

I, **Todd Daniel**, leave to **Mrs. Qian** the building blocks to pass on to a new class, allowing them to achieve the skyscraper of knowledge.

I, **Mikey Reid**, leave to **Mrs. Steele** the title of My Favorite Teacher EVER!

I, **Hershel Mehta**, leave to **Chase Owens** the inability to sing for his fellow classmates.

I, **Lewis Armistead**, leave to **Mr. Risen** and his class PIRATE FRIDAY! YAAAAAR!

I, **Alex Apple**, leave to **Mr. Anderson** the title of being #1 Duke basketball fan in the Junior School!!!

I, **Harry West**, leave to **Hunter Ractliffe** all my DL time.

I, **John Lowe**, leave to **Dr. Seay** the why's and how's of an intellectual.

I, **Cole Doster**, leave to **Cody Fisher** my awesome FCA powers.

I, **Richard Wall**, leave to **Miles Anderson** my WNSL basketball powers.

I, **Neil Ryan**, leave to **Connor Caldwell** the legacy of John Cena.

I, **Jordan Herring**, leave to **Miles Anderson** control over 8th grade WNSL and to **John Sehrt** 100 anti-Yankee baseball hats.

I, **Matt Bellet**, leave to **John Baker**, **Evan Newport**, and **Ryan Hill** amazingly perfect push-up form and

I, **Overton Thompson**, leave to **Cody Fisher** control of the Junior School golf team.

I, **John Andrews**, leave to **Mrs. Christeson's 2006-2007 Advisory** the sufficient number of pizza parties and bake sales.

I, **Charles Herron**, leave to **Mark Simpson** and **Matthew Johnson** the responsibility of the wrestling team.

I, **Mitchell Lukens**, leave to **Gage Baxter** control of the Junior School Choir and a cheerful disposition.

I, **Daniel White**, being of sound mind, leave to **Mr. Woolsey** a jacket in his icebox he calls a room; **Cedric Smith** my good looks, charm, and personality; **Andrew Wright** my ability to manage a team; and **Mr. Spiegel** a gift certificate for his tasteful ties.

I, **Tee Griscom**, leave to **Chase Owens** a 400 time to beat in track.

I, **Ben Mecklenborg**, leave to **Ian Sharbel** the hard-back edition of the *Introduction to the Woolsey Method*.

I, **Sami Ansari**, leave to **Connor Caldwell** the ability to get through the Junior School with NO DEMERITS!

I, **Denzel Caldwell**, leave to **Chris Goodrich** my Fusion and Super Saiyan skills.

I, **Sam Becklacich**, leave to **Clay Adams** the maturity of a deep voice.

I, **Patrick Clarke**, leave to **Andrew Powell** my super-awesome bowl-cut.

I, **Campbell Haynes**, leave to **Mr. Thurmond** my cell phone.



Best wishes, Min, as you head off to boarding school.

the skills needed to dominate Microbe cross country and track.

I, **Will Campbell**, leave to **Mr. Thurmond** my ability to pay attention in math class.

I, **Nathan DeWitt**, leave to **John Sehrt** my amazing football management skills.

I, **Roger Briggs**, leave to **Richard Brusting** my ghetto tennis skillz.

Class Prophecies

by the Most Likely to Be on a Comittee Comittee

Chris Adkins: most likely to be King of Time

Seth Akers-Campbell: most likely to be mistaken for a soup can

John Andrews: most likely to be called by his brothers' names

Sami Ansari: most likely to have a mustache

Alex Apple: most likely to marry Hannah Claybrooke

Lewis Armistead: most likely to be in a Super Saiyan battle

Matt Bellet: least likely to talk too much

Sam Berklacich: most likely to get his head shaved

Gaige Bolden: most likely to play professional paintball

Matt Bracy: most likely to own an international meat packing facility...we don't know why either

Kyle Brantley: most likely to celebrate Cinco De Mayo after claiming to be a Mexican

Roger Briggs: most likely to win the Wimbledon

Sam Bryant: most likely to say "pimp"

Steven Burbank: most likely to have pink clothes

Quinton Burks: most likely to have over 100 nicknames

Denzel Caldwell: most likely to save the world with adrenaline powers

Will Campbell: most likely to eat DQ

Adrian Carey: most likely to be a teen idol

Kevin Carr: most likely to be Japanese

Min Choi: most likely to fall asleep anytime, anywhere

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Patrick Clarke: most likely to have...intimidating...voice cracks

Luke Colbert: most likely to live in Lebanon forever

Morgan Cram: most likely to lay someone out with his butt

George Curtis: most likely to be president of something

DQ: most likely to die of laughter after being paid to do something stupid

Sam Denny: most likely to be a Civil War general

Nathan Dewitt: most likely to have season tickets to the Braves

John Donlon: most likely to be Quagmire

Cole Doster: most likely to be a Red Hot Chili Peppers roadie

Alex Fettrol: most likely to have a babe for a sister

Andrew Fletcher: most like to play at UT

Dalton Fouts: most likely to be the next Tim Burton

Steven Gaittens: most likely to play professional baseball

Mike Gedelman: most likely to have a band

Jonathan Golab: most likely to be a white rapper

Wilson Griffith: most likely to get injured playing ping-pong

Tec Griscom: most likely to get engaged during his Senior Year

Lee Grubbs: most likely to be injured during lacrosse season

Campbell Haynes: most likely to win obscure competitions

Wiley Hunt: most likely to be emperor of the world

Tommy Harless: most likely to be a circus ringmaster

Conner Hastings: most likely to have his shirt un-tucked forever

Will Henry: most likely to do his homework during break

Jordan Herring: most likely to get into heaven before getting into college

Charles Herron: most likely to be enthusiastic

Rob Higham: most likely to wear plaid shorts

Andrew Holmgren: most likely to be Saudi Arabian

Alexander Hornbuckle: most likely to kill anyone who calls him a Yankee

Mac Hudson: least likely to go emo

Rob Hunt: most likely to be "Pizza the Hunt"

Jake Hymes: most likely to get lost in his house

Jack Keyser: most likely to be a G.I.

Pat Killian: most likely to argue that he doesn't look like Eliza Thornberry

Alvin Kim: most likely to smoke three unfiltered packs a day and blame it on the stove

Fitz Lassing: most likely to answer the teacher's question before it's asked

Tyler LeRoy: most likely to go to UNC

Joshua Liang: most likely to bring home the gold in figure skating

Austin Locke: most likely to eat a cake before the 'exotic dancer' can get out

Patrick Lovett: most likely to star in the next Harry Potter Mini Series

John Lowe: most likely to mispronounce something

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Sports Stuff!

Sports Quiz

Jimmy Thomas won the sports quiz last time and won a \$15 gift certificate to the movies. The winner of this issue will also get a \$15 gift card to the movies. This is the last sports quiz of the year so send in those answers. Since school will be out, I will mail you the money. Send in answers to Alex Apple!

1. Who was selected with the 4th pick in this years NFL draft? (easy)
2. Who drafted former Virginia Tech quarterback Marcus Vick? (medium)
3. What position does White Sox baseball player Jim Thome play? (easy)
4. Whom did the Titans draft in the third round? (medium)
5. Where did Brodie Croyle play college football? (easy)
6. Where did Kobe Bryant play college basketball? (medium)
7. Who was the last overall pick of this year's NFL draft? (hard)
8. Who is the head coach of the University of Florida's football team? (easy)
9. Who has the highest career on base percentage in the history of Major League Baseball? (hard)
10. Who won the 2006 NCAA Basketball National Championship? (easy)
11. How many innings was the longest game in MLB history? (hard)
12. Who was the kicker for the New England Patriots last year? (easy)

HVAC ALL-SPORTS REPEAT CHAMPIONS



Congratulations to all the Microbe athletes and coaches for another outstanding year. The Microbes dominated the competition by finishing either first or second in every HVAC sport this year.

Lacrosse

Middle Tennessee Champions

by Jordan Herring

The 8th grade lacrosse team had a great year. Under the direction of Coaches Cooper, Liles, and Marro, the team ended the season with an impressive record of 14 - 3. Starting the year 0-2, the team came back strong with victories over McCallie, MUS, and Woodland. The team also put on a great show for the rest of the 8th grade in Atlanta with the victory over Jr. Trojan. At the end of the

regular season, the Red finished with a 10-0 run, which did not stop. The highlight of the year came afterwards in the final Middle Tennessee tournament at Crockett Park. The Big Red dominated both BMS and USN and also had a very tough and well-earned victory over Woodland 7-2. In the championship game, the 8th grade faced rival Harding, who had defeated them twice during the season. The game was close the entire time, but at the end the Red pulled through and was victorious with a 5-3 win to claim the championship. The team clearly improved throughout the entire season to become the champions in Middle Tennessee. The team also looks forward to continuing the great winning tradition into high school.

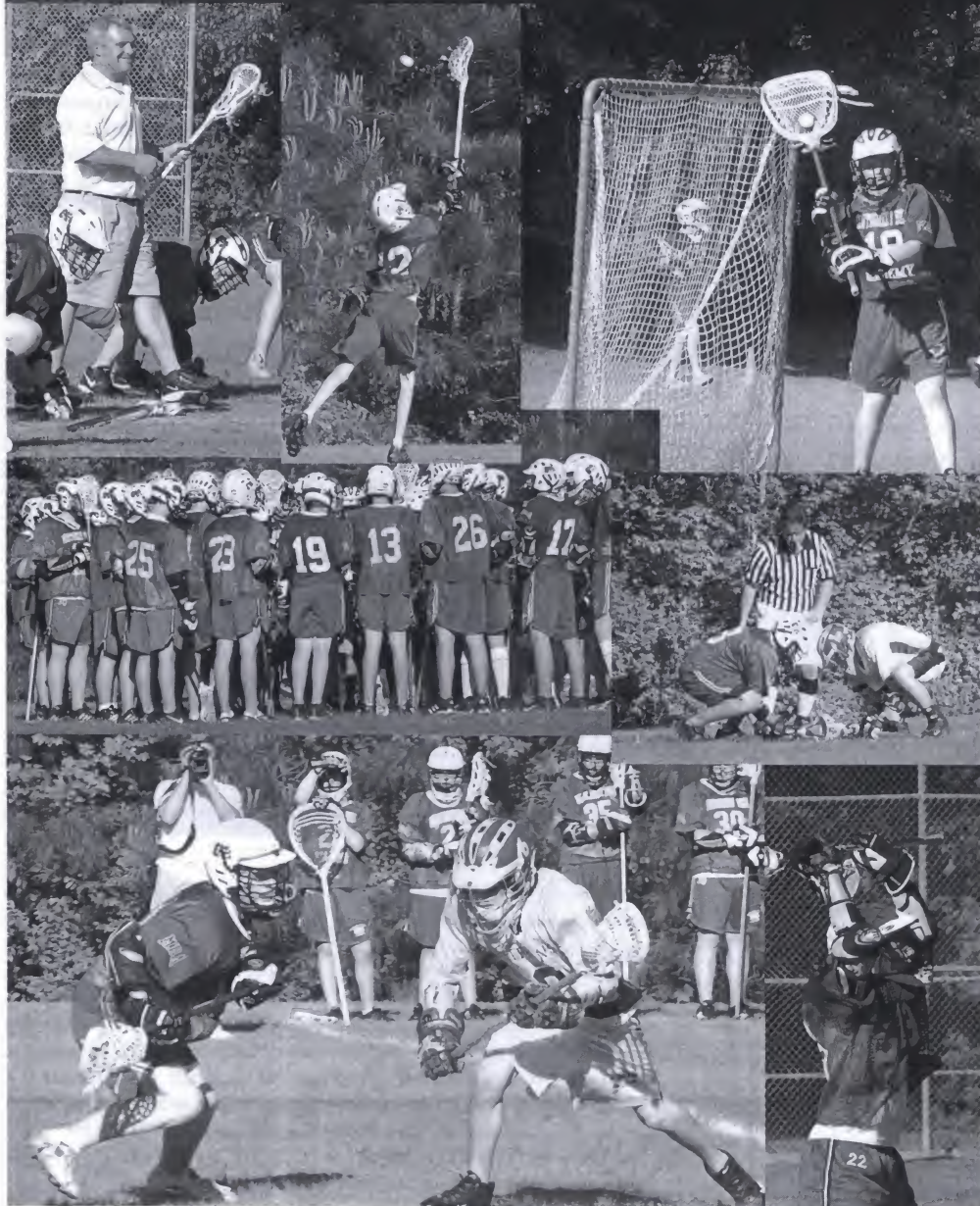


George Curtis



"B-I-G R-E-D, Roll Red, Roll Red Roll!"

Lacrosse



Track & Field

So Close

By Alex Apple

The Junior School track team had a very successful, yet slightly disappointing, year. We started the year with several weeks of grueling practice where we made great strides, especially in the pole vaulting area. Starting off the year, MBA had only one vaulter, but Phillip Spelman and Cedric Smith really improved and did well in the finals. The first meet of the year was shortened due to lightning, but MBA still had five teams and

individuals turn in first place finishes. In the next meet, the team massacred other teams at the relay format Highland Games. MBA took first in five out of ten events.

Midway through the season, MBA was tested again at David Lipscomb in a predominantly seventh grade meet. MBA once again had a few first place finishes, including several in field events. Also, MBA finished a close second

to BA in a meet that was held at MBA. Austin Locke continued his dominance in the throwing events, and Shep Patterson, followed by Ryan Hill, continued to excel in the 1600 (one mile) run. MBA then traveled to Harpeth Hall for another relay format meet. Once again we finished second to BA, but we were way ahead of the third place teams. No relay team finished lower than third. The team then came back to

the second day, the running event finals. In the first event of the day, Tyler Paslick moved up a spot in the hurdles to give the team some much needed points. Then MBA finished second in the 4x100 behind BA. MBA fought hard and set a MBA Junior School record in the 4x800. The team included Michael Seitz, Dalton Fouts, Matt Bellet, and John Baker. Ryan Hill and Alex Apple both placed in the 1600, which

made up for many points lost. Shep Patterson had pneumonia and could not race in the 1600. Chris Goodrich, a seventh grader, ran extremely well and came in second in the 400 meter



HVAC Runners-Up

MBA to compete in their final meet before the finals. We won the meet easily, doubling up the next closest team (including Ensworth).

Then there were the finals. MBA was to square off against all the teams that they had faced earlier in the year. We started off well when Austin Locke took third in the discus and then won the shot put. We did well in the other field events, which put us in second heading into

dash. Then, the 4x400 meter team of Tee Griscom, Chris Goodrich, Ben Crook, and Michael Seitz set another MBA record, running a 3:54. MBA was able to pull away from Freedom Middle School, but we did not have quite enough fire power to catch a well-built BA team. Thanks to all the coaches for a good year.

Track & Field



Tennis

Court Report

by Michael Seitz

In the cold, dark, windy month of March, the microbe tennis team started practicing, and after a few weeks, they began the actual season, not sure what to expect. Several weeks in and their record still 0-1, the racquet men were eager to actually get the season going. Seeing that they had only really lost one player from last year's team, HVAC champ Roger Briggs, and were still behind "Big Daddy" Coach Kinch, they got on a winning streak and didn't slow down. Led

by key eighth graders Jake Hymes, Chris Vaughn, Michael Seitz, and Andy Stack, along with seventh grader Russ Anderson playing at the team's #1 spot, MBA swept the remaining competition, knocking off all local schools. The highlight of the season came from soundly demolishing and gaining revenge on the "tennis farm" called McCallic whom the team had badly lost to the last two years. Despite holding several #1 seeds going into the HVAC tournament, the team was not able to hold off the

raising the bar



deeply-stacked BA team, losing by two matches. Although they narrowly lost the gold, the team convincingly won silver, more than doubling the score of the third place team, Grassland. The players shouldn't feel too bad for losing to a team from the streaky BA tennis program; MBA eighth graders still won the All-Sports trophy, beating BA in nearly every other middle school sport.



Microbe Tennis Aces

Tennis

hvac runners-up



Baseball

Exceeding Expectations

by Kyle Brantley

The Microbe baseball team, led by Coach Frost (a baseball player in college), Coach Pierce (a former actor and major league baseball player), and Coach Bishop (a college ballplayer at Penn State

the tough stuff. Regular season highlights included victories over USN and Grassland and a 6-1 win over Ensworth in the last game of the year going into the HVAC tournament, which got the team rolling. Unfortunately, the season also included eight games where the Big Red was ousted at the very end, losing by two runs or fewer.

In the tournament, the Big Red competed in the upper division for the first time because of the

Brentwood Middle 6-0, with Neil Reinhardt pitching a magnificent three-hitter to a BMS team that MBA lost to in the regular season. Then, in the championship game at the soggy 42nd field, the team lost to Freedom Middle School 4-1. It was a disappointing way to end the season, but the Big Red proved many people wrong by getting to the championship game. Luke Colbert, who hit the only home run of the year (a grand slam against Page),

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and a coach at Clemson), started off the season with a bang by winning the pre-season Cougar Tournament. Starting with a three seed in the tourney, the Big Red microbe team roared to the championship game, where they easily defeated the Irish (a mini Father Ryan team). However, a damper was put on the win when Jeff Nutkis broke his arm and was put out for the whole regular season. It was a serious detriment to the team to lose such a crucial player before the season ever really began. Then the team got into

second place finish of last year's team. Due to the hard regular season, the Big Red received only a seventh seed going into the HVAC. This low seed motivated the team rather than putting them down. In the first game of the tourney against the second seeded BA, MBA won a 10-8 thriller. Jackson Roberts, Andrei Lucaci, and William Tanner had crucial hits in the clutch that helped the Big Red to the victory. In the second challenge for the Big Red, a similar story unfolded as they shut out

and Neil Reinhardt represented the team in the HVAC All-Star game. Congratulations to Oliver Oldacre, Joe Riegle, Harry West, and Paul Baker, who all had solid play in the infield, and Steven Gaittens, who played well all year in centerfield. Paul Baker, Joe Riegle, Hunter Ractliffe, Hayden Morgan, Alex Hunt, and Andrei Lucaci were the seventh graders on the team that put in solid play and hope to lead next year's team back to the championship game to avenge the Big Red.

Baseball



The Ben File

Bark Park Racism

by Ben Mecklenborg

There have been many legendary civil rights activists in world history, and you have surely heard of Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, etc. all of whom dedicated their lives to equality. But now, in what seems to be a free and serene country in which everyone gets along, there is a new era of racial profiling which our generation must confront head on or possibly face another civil war.

As you might recall, I wrote an article earlier in the year concerning "Bark Parks" which have become so popular. Within the confines of the wooden fence which so many different breeds have had a weekend stroll, a new threat has arisen. No, it is not a burglar or a murderer, but rather, the greatest evil of them all: racism. Yes, that is right; racism has reached the once peaceful bark parks.

According to a new "Paw Law," as I like to call it, no pit bulls are allowed inside the fenced area, but they are welcome to walk around the outside of the park and watch the other dogs have fun. This law is no better than the law that required Rosa Parks to be sent to the back of the bus. Well, I OBJECT!!! For some people, their dog is the closest thing they have to a child, and they therefore treat their dog as if it were a child. When your child is bullied, you don't stand around and wait for things to settle out themselves. YOU FIGHT FOR WHAT IS RIGHT!!!

The whole reason this entire controversy has taken place is due to a few Bark Park users who have complained that pit bulls do not "socialize" well with other dogs. But isn't this racial profiling? How can you tell that one type of dog is going to be violent? Just because pit bulls are stereotypically vicious, does not mean that all pit bulls are aggressive. If you think this new law has nothing to do with you because you don't have a pit bull, think again. It may start with pit bulls, but

soon it may come to St. Bernards being too big or blood hounds being too loud! So I am calling out to all dog owners to stop this madness and to help keep the bark park free of tyrannical rules!!!

I leave you with this brief comment to ponder on while you walk your dog on a sunny Saturday afternoon: "Do you want to live in a world where a pit bull and a Labrador can't drink from the same water fountain?" Thank you, and do your duty!!!



The Nicaragua Shoe Drive yielded more than 220 pairs of shoes! Thanks to all of the Junior Schoolers who helped by bringing in shoes.



Build-A-God Workshop



God of Torture



Doctorus Pepporus



Artifax



Tortalius: God of Torture



Stelous



God of Junk Food?

Love's Revenge

Dr. Love V. 2.0

by J. G. Looove

Sorry for the delay. There was this rockin party and I would rather not give the reason I am so late for another article. So let's get right to it!

Dear Dr. Love,

I am being stalked by this girl who is **obsessed** with me. I know it is wrong, but I have been leading her on because it is so fun. Should I keep leading her on, or should I stop? Chicken Stalk

C.S., all I can say is it depends on whether or not you are mean or nice. If mean, it will be too fun to pass up on. Keep leading her on, give her little winks and other signs. However, if you are the nice guy that everybody likes, then you have to stop. It would be immoral for you to continue. Just tell her you think she is nice, but she just isn't your type. I, personally, would like to keep leading her on (sinister laugh).

Dear Dr. Love,

I am a major Notre Dame fan. My girlfriend, on the other hand, is a USC fan. It just will not

work out, so how do I break-up with her, but not tell her that it is because she likes the wrong team. What should I do?
ND4life

ND, my advice is...wait, what? Let me get this straight, you are going to let your girl go 'cause she likes the wrong team? Get a life! You are lucky just to have a girl talk to you, let alone go out with you. If you still want to break up with her, then tell her you wanted her to be able to have a man and not a boy, cause that is what you are.



Confused, that name really fits by the way. Yes and you are as bad as the guy from the last question. On the cooking thing, yes, it is very sexy to women and the first dish to make is spaghetti and meatballs. After that, just ask her. Second, the John Cena CD is the worst CD ever. He is a wrestler for God's sake. If you have this CD, you have no actual life.

That is all the time I have for this year. Have a nice summer--and never stop the love.

Meet the TOH Staff

investigated by Matt Bellet
and Pat Kilian

While I was scrambling to think of an article to write for the last TOH issue, I thought that you Junior Schoolers might want to know about the staff. So, here is the scoop[ula]:

Alvin Kim

Job: Editor-in-Chief

"Do I really have to give a quote?"

Most Memorable Contribution:

Keeping Daniel White in line during

meetings.

Typing Speed: 51 wpm

Zach Sternberg

Job: Production Manager

"I have a 'stash of sodas in that drawer."

Most Memorable Contribution:

Uh...he did a *lot*.

Typing Speed: 47 wpm

Pat Killian

Job: Copy Editor

"I'm the one who weaves the straw

into gold, butchers the ugly cow and

makes a filet. You know--copy

editing stuff: fixing grammar and

whatnot."

Most Memorable Contribution:

Trying to send a finished article to

Zach via an email attachment, but

sending it three different times

before actually attaching the article.

Typing Speed: 38 wpm

Music

Metropolis Pt. 2: Scenes from a Memory

By Daniel Smith

For the past month, I have been listening to and deciphering Dream Theater's 1999 album *Metropolis Pt. 2: Scenes from a Memory*. Because of Dream Theater's underground state for the

past twenty years, most people have not heard of this excellent band that is currently leading the world of progressive rock. None of the songs from this album have aired on the radio due to the radio-unfriendliness of the tracks (lengthy instrumentals and eleven-minute songs). *Metropolis Pt. 2* is a concept album about the 1992 murder of a woman named Victoria. The protagonist, Nicholas, gets hypnotized to find the meaning of his haunting of a woman. He learns from the therapy that he is the reincarnation of this Victoria. There are many more plot twists that become very complex, including the prequel to the album, "Metropolis Pt. 1," a song from a 1992 album. Musically, it is an awesome CD, even though it has

been around a while. Two fully instrumental tracks display the skills of the guitarist John Petrucci and drummer Mike Portney. As in most concept albums, songs cannot be lyrically understood individually without an understanding of the whole intricate plot; however, a few excellent songs do stand out, such as "Beyond this Life" and "Finally Fire." What make this CD unique are the sudden shifts in instruments. For example, an orchestra can change to loud, shredding guitar/drum metal and then to a soft ragtime piano solo in only a minute. If you have time and interest, check out Dream Theater right away! They are still playing and, from what I have heard of their recent work, getting better all the time.

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Grandparents Day



Nate Smith



Miller Higgins



Franklin Gaglione



Braxton Fralick



Chase Owens



Tyler LeRoy

Mother-Son Breakfast



Chunsoo, Gyim, and Chunbum Park



Ann and George Curtis



Sue and Neil Reinhardt



Sandra and Miles Anderson



Ellen and John Donlon



Will and Susan Campbell

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Top Ten Restaurants in Nashville

by Daniel White

For my last food article in the *Top of the Hill*, I want to review my ten favorite restaurants in Nashville.

10. **Longhorn's Steakhouse**- A decently priced steakhouse, Longhorns is a paradigm of Texas. The good old-fashioned service matched with gourmet quality food is perfect. There are several locations here in Nashville and other areas. Yee-Haw!

9. **Swett's**- A Nashville institution for over 50 years, Swett's Restaurant will remind you of Mama's kitchen back in the day! With its tasteful entrees, such as fried chicken, turnip greens, and fried cornbread, Swett's will fill you up.

8. **Famous Dave's**- Get down with your country self and enjoy some good ol' fashioned barbeque. You can't be bourgeois at this place, and you need several napkins. Famous Dave's is also great for families to take their children for delicious food.

7. **Kobe Steakhouse**- Yum-O! IF you want some good Japanese food, this is the place for you. There are several dishes to choose from;

however, it can get pricy, but it's worth the buck!

6. **Fleming's**- Elegant, Classy, and Sophisticated. A great place to take your girlfriend to dinner. The steaks



Daniel: the ultimate food critic

are perfect and the sides are out of this world. . .A reputation for good food, Fleming's is the way to go.

5. **Nashville's Deli**- Located on Broadway, this New York style deli gives us a taste of the Big Apple. From its cheesecake shipped from

New York to its Jewish style selections, this is a perfect place for breakfast, lunch, or dinner.

4. **Cheesecake Factory**- A favorite among people nationwide, this place is famous for its, what else, cheesecake. They have the best drinks in town (non-alcoholic...of course!).

3. **Maggiano's**- This is one of best Italian restaurants in town. Their hearty portions bring Rome to Nashville. A perfect restaurant to celebrate a special occasion.

2. **Monell's**- A Nashville favorite, this place is known for its old country charm and good food. Nestled in Germantown, Monell's is a hidden gem. With its good food and company, you can't go wrong.

1. **J. Alexander's**- Y'all know that I love this place dearly. Where can I begin?!

Their food is fresh, delicious, and lite. The diversity of the dishes with a Southern flair really tops it off. Also, there are three locations in Nashville to suit your needs.



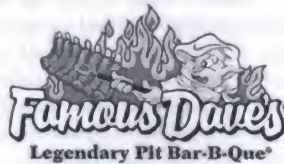
MAGGIANO'S
■ LITTLE ITALY ■



Kudos

Thanks to everyone for supporting me and my food articles for the past two years. I will really miss the *Top of the Hill*. Roll Red!!!

Any questions regarding food in Nashville, just send an e-mail to: whited@montgomerybell.com



J. ALEXANDER'S



Congratulations to this year's National Latin Exam winners



There were eight perfect papers in the eighth grade, written by Quinton Burks, Jordan Herring, Rob Higham, Alexander Hornbuckle, Fitz Lassing, John Lowe, Matt Moynihan, Richard Wall; these scholars received a gold medal, a certificate *summa cum laude*, and on honors night will receive a hand-lettered certificate from the American Classical League.

Latin I honorees:

55 students received gold medals and *summa cum laude* certificates
 14 received silver medals and *maxima cum laude* certificates
 9 received *magna cum laude* certificates
 10 received *cum laude* certificates

Congratulations to the '06-'07 Honor Council Representatives



Jordan Herring



Alex Apple



Tom Markham

MBA's Future

Looking Toward the Future

By Pat Killian

Dozens of rumors have been circulating about some serious renovation plans at MBA. Well, *Top of the Hill* is on the case once again, bringing Junior Schoolers the straight-up truth directly from the top. Mr. Thurmond and Mr. Gioia have generously helped clear up the speculation and dissolve all doubts about MBA's future, giving our humble publication the full scoop. Listed here are the numerous projects the school wishes to embark on in both the near and distant future.

Starting either late this summer or fall, MBA will begin developing the donated land in Long Mountain. The space is to be dedicated to an **observatory** with **cabins** for extended visits.

A project of high priority is the remodeling of the Wallace building. The top floor will be converted into an **upgraded dining hall** with more space than the current one in Davis. To make up for the lost classroom space, a new academic building or simply an addition to the standing one will be made behind Wallace.

After the Wallace dining hall is up and running, the old one in Davis will be converted into a music room for either the jazz band or orchestra.

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MBA's hope to buy up the houses on Brighton Road is a known fact. (Currently, we own all but two.) Once this task is complete, the school will be able, with the city's permission, to close the road and extend the campus to Kimpalong. In the additional space a new **field house** will be erected. It is also possible another **track** will circle the complex.

The gym will be remodeled to increase court space and improve some of its other facilities.

The school's entrance from Wilson Road will be improved, making it more accessible and increasing parking area.

A pool!! While it could not be on campus due to lack of space, the school has spoken to several local country clubs in order to secure a lease on a swimming pool for the chilly winter months. Do not worry about the cold, though; the pool would be enclosed in a heated "bubble" structure.

Many people have expected the addition of **5th and 6th grades** to MBA, but this change will not occur. The administration feels there is not enough space for these two hundred or so extra students; moreover, current enrollment is extremely high just starting at seventh grade.

Most excitingly, MBA has privately expressed its wishes to purchase **Vine Street Church**. The lot would greatly increase the campus' size and allow for many more improvements. However, in the words of Mr. Gioia, "Churches are complicated places," so MBA is not aggressively trying to claim the land but waiting until the church is ready

to sell.

With the promise of these great additions to the school, the only question left to ask is "When?" MBA is not a profit-making corporate giant and relies on the kindness of the community and fundraising for most of its extensive projects. No time lines are available because first MBA must get the donations to finance these endeavors. So be the change you want to see; give a little and help make these dreams reality.

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Joseph Lowe (JLo): most likely to have his shirt ripped off at the Superbowl halftime show

Mitchell Lukens: most likely to be a mastodon/trains/fish expert

Kevin Lurey: most likely to celebrate 10 religious holidays in the same week

Eric Mace: most likely to be a dead deer

Cameron Malakouti: most likely one day to be allowed to ride Goliath

Hershel Mehta: most likely to inherit the Kwik-e-Mart

Sean McKinnis: most likely to go to a cow show...and enjoy it

Ben Mecklenborg: most likely to be Mexican

Thomas Moore: most likely to find *The Ring*

Sam Moxley: most likely to think fire is cold

Matthew Moynihan: most likely to kill someone with something purple

Stuart Murphy: most likely to live with Jon Donlon

Jeff Nutkis: least likely to run on a fence

Side Notes

Oliver Oldacre: most likely to be amused by his own initials
Tyler Paslick: most likely to be on BET

Shep Patterson: most likely to run and swim at the same time

Andrew "Tank" Phillips: most likely to lose at poker

Richard Putnam: most likely to be the Iraqi refugee on page 457 in World Geography

Neil Reinhardt: most likely to be a dodgeball playing bunny

Mikey Reid: most likely to say "Grubbsie" in a weird voice

Jackson Roberts: most likely to wear purple and yellow

Stephen Rocco: most likely to be one of the few proud German, Italian, Asians

Neil Ryan: most likely to be the Notre Dame mascot

Michael Seitz: most likely to go to MIT

Daniel Smith: most likely to publish a book next year

Nate Smith: most likely to like say "like"

Rob Smith: most likely to pee in Mr. Thurmond's Wheaties

Alex Snow: most likely to have a mullet, and deny it

Andy Stack: most likely to shout 'Cantate!' in public

Zach Sternberg: most likely to have a saxophone bigger than he is

Ben Sutter: most likely to forget his medicine

Patrick Sweeny: most likely to have the most Irish name ever

William Tanner: most likely to be called "Tilly Wanner"

OT: most likely to have people never know his full name

Daniel Todd: most likely to build a tower of knowledge

Matt Vanek: most likely to have chicken pox, oh sorry, chiggers

Ryan Venable: most likely to be called "Ryan Vegetable"

Chris Vaughn: most likely to play tennis...silently

Richard Wall: most likely to be called "Chahhhhrlee"

Harry West: most likely to be a cartoonist

Daniel White: most likely to be "fashionably" late

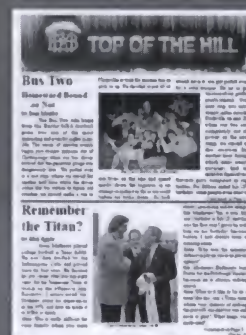
Hayden Wiecek: most likely to be a party starter for the rest of his life

Corbin Williams: most likely to be on American Idol

Wesley Wilson: most likely to have a magnetic chess board

Mike Zienkiewics: most likely to have polish sausages

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Tea of the Ritz, new foal of Mrs. Christeson's Tennessee Walking Horse mare Sweetheart



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